

April 29, 2013

### Via Electronic Mail

Mr. Keith Cascio Scenic Rivers Program Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 368 Century Tel Drive Monroe, LA 71203

Mr. Chris Davis Biologist, Environmental Investigations 2000 Quail Drive, Room 432 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000

Request for Emergency Authorization Re:

> Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System Permit Application Collins Pipeline Company West Pearl River Horizontal Directional Drill Project St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana Providence Project No. 069-068

Dear Mr. Cascio and Mr. Davis:

Lee Worock

On behalf of Collins Pipeline Company (Collins), Providence submits this original, signed permit application requesting an emergency authorization to mobilize and setup a horizontal directional drill along the west side of the West Pearl River in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

Should you have any questions in regards to this request for emergency authorization, or require additional information, please contact me at (225) 766-7400 or via email at leewomack@providenceeng.com.

Sincerely,

Lee Womack

Senior Environmental Scientist Providence Engineering and Environmental Group LLC 1201 Main Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Enclosure: As stated

Hayley Rhodes, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company CC:

### **APRIL 2013**

### COLLINS PIPELINE COMPANY WEST PEARL RIVER HDD ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LOUISIANA

REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

LOUISIANA NATURAL AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION

### Prepared By:

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### LOUISIANA NATURAL AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

### PERMIT APPLICATION

Permit #\_\_\_\_\_ (Assigned by Department)

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Scenic Rivers program is authorized by LRS title 56, Chapter 9
Part II. This law requires permits authorizing activities in or affecting rivers that have been designated by the Louisiana
Legislature as Natural and Scenic. Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Information in this application is made a matter of public record through issuance of a public notice. Disclosure of the information requested is voluntary, however, the data requested are necessary in order to communicate with the applicant and to evaluate the permit application. If necessary information is not provided, the permit application cannot be processed nor can a permit be issued.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

| Name of Applicant | Collins Pipeline Company   | Name of Agent (if any) | Providence            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Address           | 800 Bell Street            | Address                | 1201 Main Street      |
| Address           | Attn: Right-of-way Manager | Address                | Attn: Lee Womack      |
| City, State, Zip  | Houston, TX 77002          | City, State, Zip       | Baton Rouge, LA 70802 |
| Phone             | (225) 921-2628             | Phone                  | (225) 766-7400        |

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Brief summary of the description and purpose of the proposed activity (details to be attached as a separate document)

West Pearl River Horizontal Directional Drill (West Pearl River HDD Mobilization and Setup)

Is any portion of the activity complete? YES NO X (If yes indicate month and year of completion)

### LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY

| Stream Name        | West Pearl River               | Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers of Adjacent Property Owners |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Parish             | St. Tammany                    | Bogue Chitto NWR  |
| Section            | N/A                            | 61389 Hwy 434   |
| Township           | 6 South                        | Lacombe, LA 70445   |
| Range              | 14 East                        | (985) 640-3277  |
| Latitude/Longitude | 30° 31' 34.04"N 89° 49' 8.03"W |   |

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Must be a separate document. See the attached instruction sheet for completing the assessment.

### CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION ACCURACY

Application is hereby made for a Scenic River Use Permit to authorize the activities described herein. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, such information is true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities, or I am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

Signature

Date

Form # LSR3 May 2002

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| E              | Mississippi Department of Archives and History Response  |
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### 1.0 PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

On behalf of Collins Pipeline Company (Collins), Providence is submitting this Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System Permit Application associated with the proposed West Pearl River Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) project in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Specifically, this application is for authorization to mobilize and setup a proposed HDD along the west side of the West Pearl River. As you are aware, and on April 16, 2013, Providence submitted a Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System Permit Application requesting authorization to access the proposed HDD exit location via the crossing of Bradley Slough.

Collins' existing right-of-way (ROW) crosses the West Pearl River at approximate Latitude 30°31'49.51"N and Longitude 89°49'2.79"W in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Collins is proposing to HDD approximately 5,500 linear feet of 16-inch-diameter pipeline to avoid a potential pipeline exposure due to the West Pearl River encroaching on their existing ROW.

Due to the extreme fluctuations in water levels on the West Pearl River, as well as the river's current designation as a State Scenic River, Collins is proposing to access the HDD entry and exit locations from the south via the Pearl River Canal and their existing ROW and from the north via the Pearl River and their existing ROW, respectively. Collins proposes to utilize flexifloats to span the Pearl River Canal and Pearl River to allow access for the drill rig, haul trucks, and equipment trucks across the two water bodies. Once the crossings of the two water bodies are complete, Collins will utilize their existing ROW to access the drill entry and exit locations. The proposed drill entry location and associated workspace are sited approximately 1,440 feet west of the West Pearl River (Sheet 2). The depth of the proposed HDD below the thalweg of the West Pearl River will be approximately 88 feet (Sheet 5). All workspaces will be matted and a board road will be constructed along their existing ROW to prevent permanent impacts to existing habitat.

Post-construction, Collins intends to remove the aforementioned mats and return all disturbed areas to pre-project contours to the maximum extent practicable. Collins agrees to neck-down the mowing/maintenance of their existing ROW between the HDD entry and exit locations to 20 feet. Historically, Collins maintained approximately 50 feet along their existing ROW. As previously agreed with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, all disturbed areas will be seeded with a mixture of wheat, native millet, and sorghum. Bare-root bottomland hardwood species will be planted on 12-foot-centers within off-ROW workspaces, areas previously maintained between the HDD entry and exit locations which are outside of the area proposed for the 20 feet neck-down, and within portions of the ROW both north and south of the HDD entry and exit locations which were previously maintained outside of Collins' 30-feet-wide permanent ROW.

Please be advised that Collins is currently requesting emergency authorization for the subject work from all respective regulatory agencies and your prompt attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

### 2.0 LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PERMITS

Several Federal, State, and Local regulatory agencies are involved in the proposed project. Below is a list of applicable regulatory agencies and their role in the authorization process:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Nationwide Permit 12

(Pending)

Vicksburg District 4155 Clay Street

Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435

Attn: Ms. Amiee Parker

Amiee.D.Parker@usace.army.mil

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge

61389 Hwy 434

Lacombe, Louisiana 70445 Attn: Mr. Daniel Breaux daniel breaux@fws.gov **NWR Special Use Permit** 

(Pending)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Lafayette Ecological Services Office

646 Cajundome Boulevard Lafayette, Louisiana 70506 Attn: Joshua Marceaux Joshua Marceaux@fws.gov **T&E Species Concurrence** 

(Pending)

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

2000 Quail Drive, Room 432

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000

Attn: Mr. Chris Davis rcdavis@wlf.la.gov

LA Natural and Scenic River Permit

1. Bradley Slough

(Pending)

2. West Pearl River

(Subject Filing)

U.S. Coast Guard

200 Hendee Street

New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

Attn: Ms. Stacey Smith Stacey.d.smith@uscq.mil

**Navigation Concurrence** 

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Historic Preservation Division

100 North State Street Jackson, MS 39201 Attn: Mr. Greg Williamson

gwill@mdah.state.ms.us

Louisiana Office of Cultural Development

P.O. Box 44247

Baton Rouge, LA 70804-44247

Attn: Ms. Pam Breaux pbreaux@crt.la.gov

SHPO Concurrence

(Complete)

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### 3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT

### 3.1 Existing Land Use

Collins' ROW crosses the West Pearl River at Latitude 30°31'49.51"N and Longitude 89°49'2.79"W. The ROW is currently maintained by mowing at the West Pearl River crossing. Existing land use adjacent to the ROW encompasses Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge with habitat primarily consisting of bottomland hardwood forest.

### 3.2 Historical and Archaeological Sites

On September 7, 2012, and September 10, 2012, Providence on behalf of Collins submitted consultation letters to the State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO) of the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and Mississippi Department of Archives and History, respectively. Both officers responded that no known historic properties will be affected by the proposed project. Responses from the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism and Mississippi Department of Archives and History are included in **Exhibits D** and **E**, respectively.

### 3.3 Economic Impact of Project

The proposed project does not pose any long-term economic changes for the surrounding communities. No commercial, industrial, or residential properties will be affected by the proposed project; therefore, there is no anticipated economic impact.

### 3.4 Wilderness/Rural Quality

Collins' existing ROW, which will be utilized for access for the proposed project, is entirely surrounded by the Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Collins' intends to design the project to avoid off-ROW workspace and associated impacts to the maximum extent practicable. All disturbed areas will be seeded with a mixture of wheat, native millet, and sorghum. Collins also agrees to neck-down the mowing/maintenance of their existing ROW between the HDD entry and exit locations to 20 feet and plant appropriate bare-root bottomland hardwood species within portions of the ROW previously maintained along the permanent, 30-feet-wide ROW.

### 3.5 Scenic/Aesthetic Value

Activities within the project area will temporarily impact scenic quality of the West Pearl River. The presence of the drill rig and associated equipment will temporarily impact the scenic value along the western bank of the West Pearl River until the project is complete.

### 3.6 Recreational Use Opportunities

The proposed project will result in no impacts to recreational uses and opportunities along the West Pearl River.

### 3.7 Ecological Systems Present

Construction will have only minor effects on the ecological balance in the project area. Any disruption of the ecology in the immediate area of the HDD will be minimal and is expected to re-establish naturally.

### 3.8 Fish and Wildlife in the Area

The majority of the proposed project is within the boundaries of the Bogue Chitto NWR, which supports wildlife habitat for game species including: white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), feral hog (*Sus scrofa*), eastern grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), eastern fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger*), eastern cottontail rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*), swamp rabbit (*Sylvilagus aquaticus*), wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*), and wood duck (*Aix sponsa*). Recreational fish species present in the West Pearl River may include: alligator gar (*Atractosteus spatula*), spotted gar (*Lepisosteus oculatus*), bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*), redear sunfish (*Lepomis microlophus*), black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*), white crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*), bowfin (*Amia calva*), and largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*). No permanent impacts to these species or their habitats will be associated with the proposed project.

On September 7, 2012, Providence on behalf of Collins submitted a consultation letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for concurrence regarding potential impacts to Threatened and Endangered Species associated with the proposed project. The USFWS responded to the consultation letter October 2, 2012, requesting a species and habitat survey for two listed species: red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW, *Picoides borealis*) and gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*). On April 11, 2013, Providence conducted the requested survey and did not identify the presence of either species or their critical habitat. A Threatened and Endangered Survey Report was submitted to the USFWS on April 15, 2013, for review and concurrence.

### 3.9 Botanical Elements

Dominant species identified within the vicinity of the West Pearl River include: red maple (Acer rubrum drummondii), cherry-bark oak (Quercus pagoda), Chinese privet (Ligustrum sinense), saw-tooth blackberry (Rubus argutus), Virginia dayflower (Commelina virginica), Indian wood-oats (Chasmanthium latifolium), cypress rosette grass (Dichanthelium dichotomum), dotted smartweed (Persicaria punctate), netted chain fern (Woodwardia virginica), muscadine (Vitis rotundifolia), and Japanese climbing fern (Lygodium japonicum).

### 3.10 Geological Features

The project area is in the Major Land Resource Area (MLRA) 152A, Eastern Gulf Coast Flatwoods. Geology of the aforementioned MLRA is characterized by Pleistocene-age terraces consisting of ancient Mississippi River deposits of unconsolidated fine sand at the surface, which grades to coarser sand and gravel at depth. In most parts of the MLRA, the Citronelle Formation is at the surface. This formation is a thin layer of silt, sand, and gravel deposited by an ancient predecessor of the Mississippi River during the Pliocene time. Recent silt, sand, and gravel deposits fill the valleys along most of the major rivers in the MLRA. No permanent impacts to geology or topography are expected to occur as a result of the proposed project.

### 3.11 Hydrological Features

No alterations to the hydrological features (channelization or channel realignment) of the West Pearl River will result from the proposed project.

### 3.12 Water Quality/Quantity

Best management practices will be implemented and maintained during construction to limit suspended sediments from entering the West Pearl River as well as other water body crossings. The project area will be kept clear of debris and other obstacles that would cause accumulation and/or prevent the flow of water in the channel of the West Pearl River and associated floodplains. Significant adverse impacts to the water quality of the West Pearl River are not anticipated. Available water quantity in the West Pearl River will be neither increased nor decreased.

### 5.0 MINIMIZATION EFFORTS

Collins has designed the proposed project to minimize environmental impacts. As previously mentioned, Collins agrees to neck-down the mowing/maintenance of their existing ROW between the HDD entry and exit locations to 20 feet and plant appropriate bare-root bottomland hardwood species within portions of the ROW previously maintained along the permanent, 30-feet-wide ROW.

### 6.0 PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

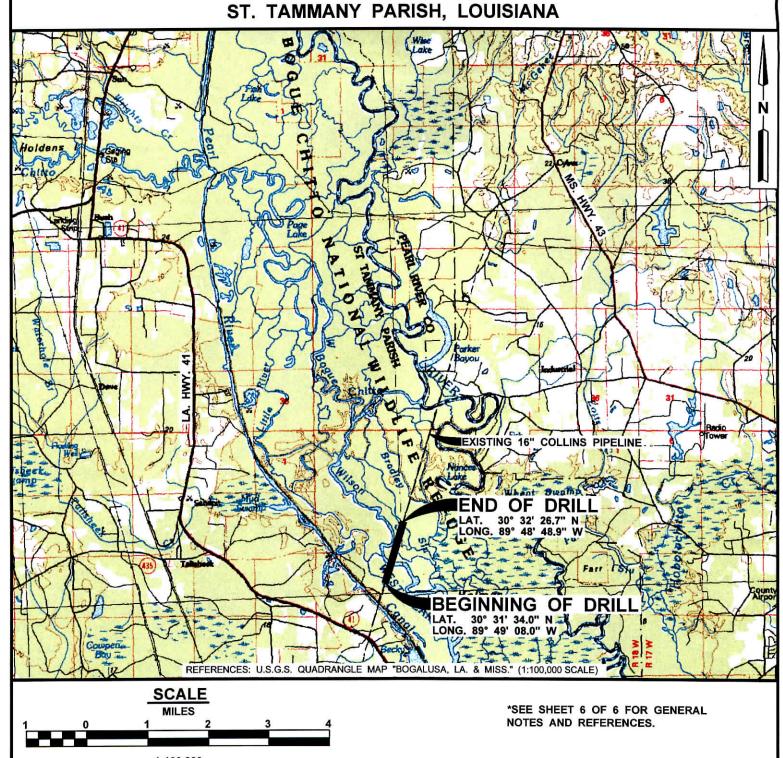
In regards to the overall project, i.e. the HDD of the West Pearl River, alternatives assessed included build and no build alternatives. Due to the increased risk of exposure and potential failure of Collins' existing pipeline along the West Pearl River, the build alternative is being pursued. In addition, access alternatives were assessed and the two options were to access the project area from the West Pearl River or access the area as proposed via the Pearl River and Pearl River Canal. Due to the extreme fluctuations of the West Pearl River and the seasonally shallow depths, it would be infeasible and potentially result in more environmental impacts for Collins to utilize the West Pearl River for access. To mobilize the equipment on the West Pearl River, Collins would need to conduct an extensive amount of dredging and/or prop-washing to access the ROW from the river; and would need to slope both banks of the West Pearl River to access the HDD entry and exit locations.

### 7.0 FEE AND OTHER CHARGES

A check in the amount of \$100.00 for the Application Fee is included with this submittal. The Site Visit/Field Evaluation Fee in the amount of \$135.00 was previously provided to your office on April 16, 2013, when Providence submitted a Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System Permit Application requesting authorization to access the proposed project's HDD exit location via the crossing of Bradley Slough.

### 8.0 CONCLUSIONS

Based on the described scope of work and the referenced environmental considerations, it is the position of Collins that the proposed HDD of the West Pearl River HDD will result in no permanent adverse impacts.



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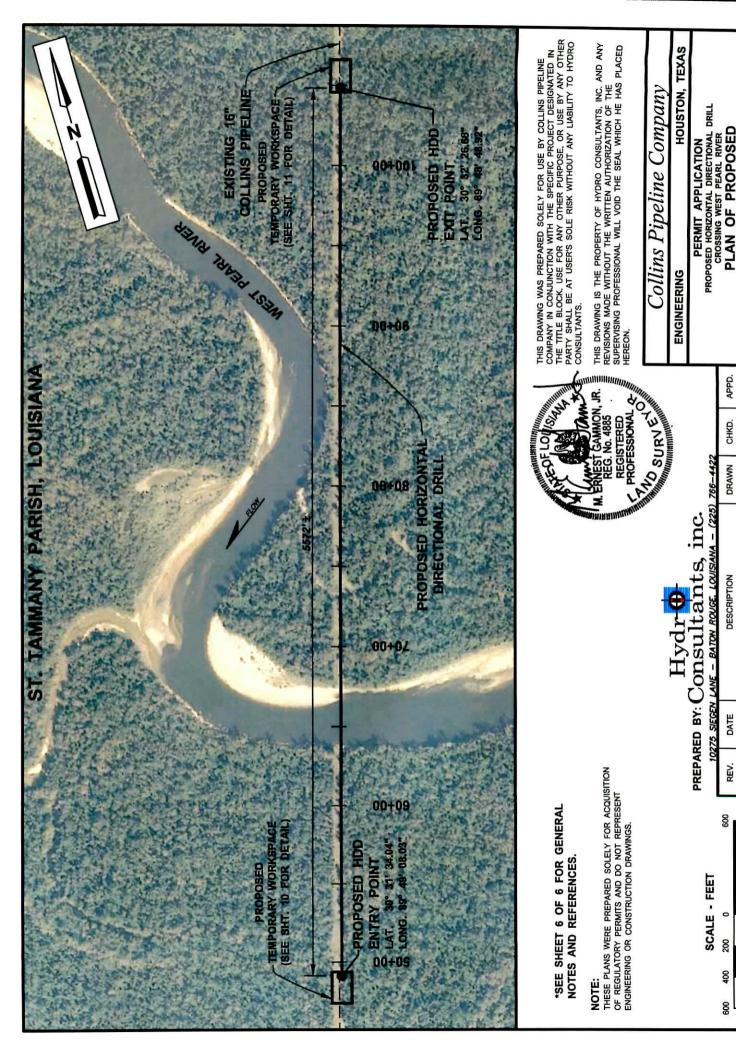
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PEARL RIVER HDD CROSSING

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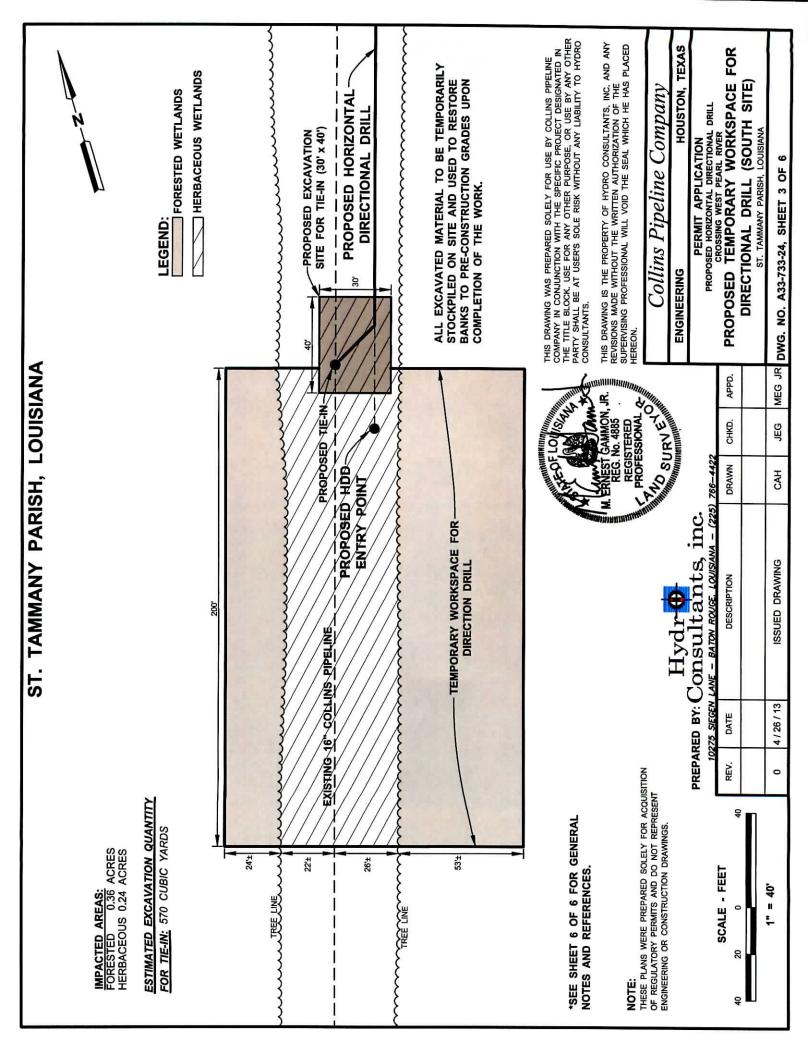
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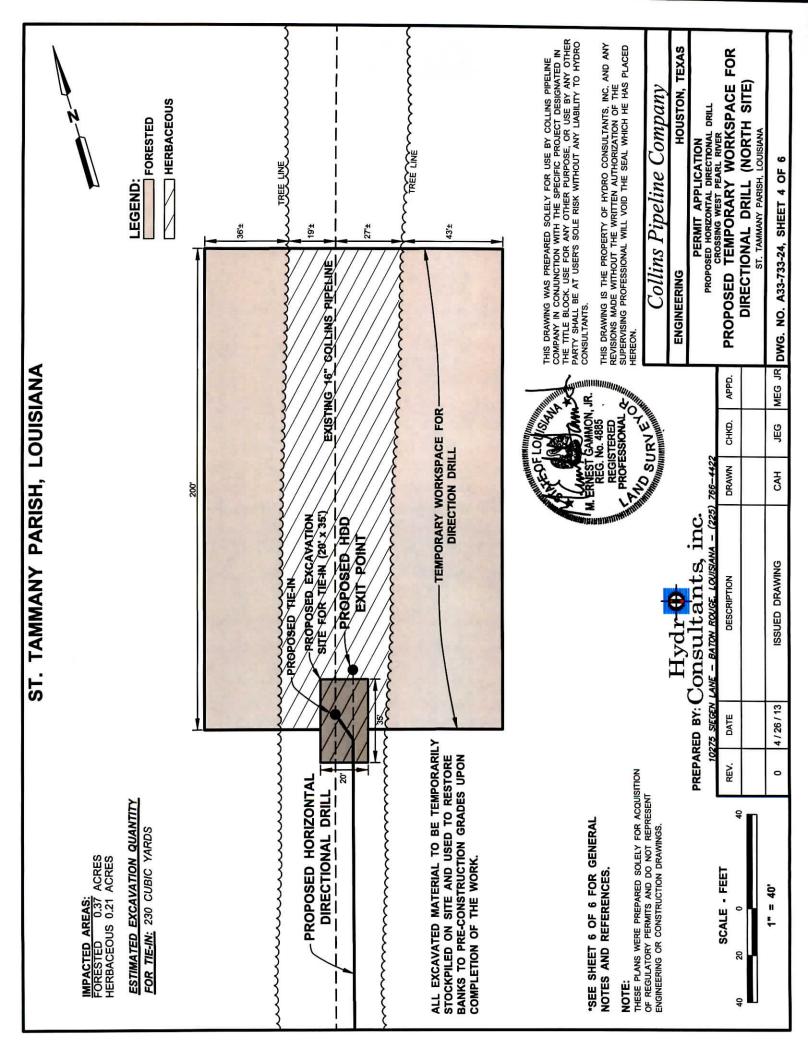
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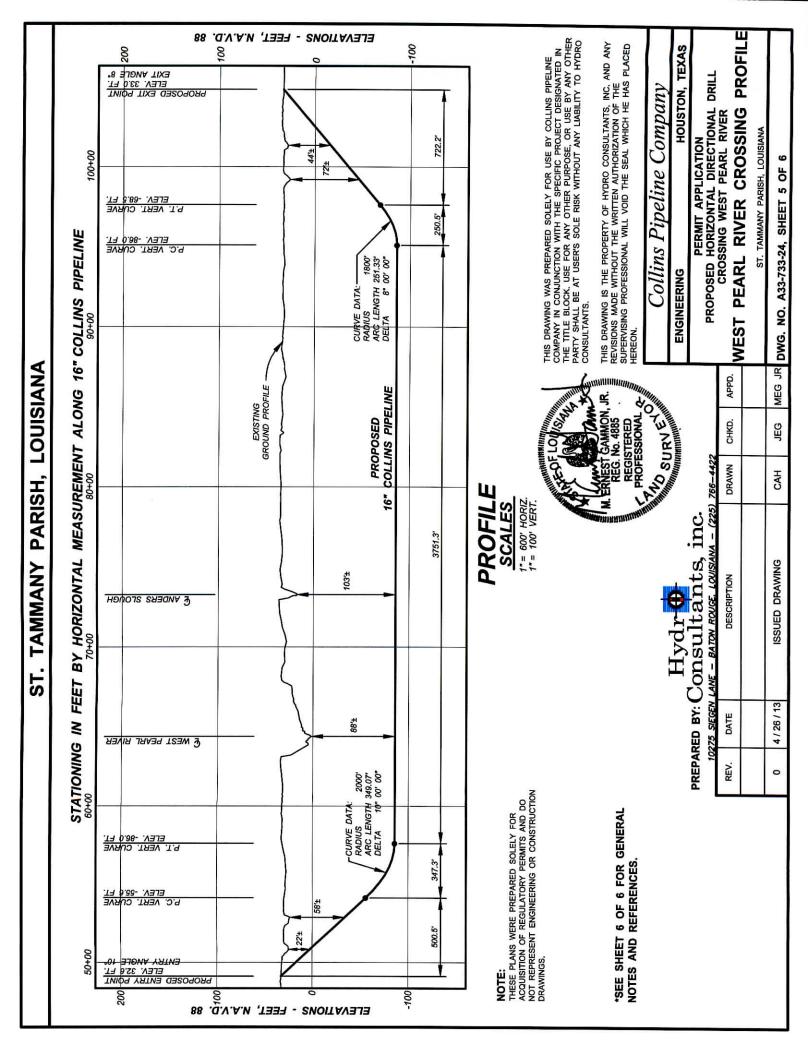


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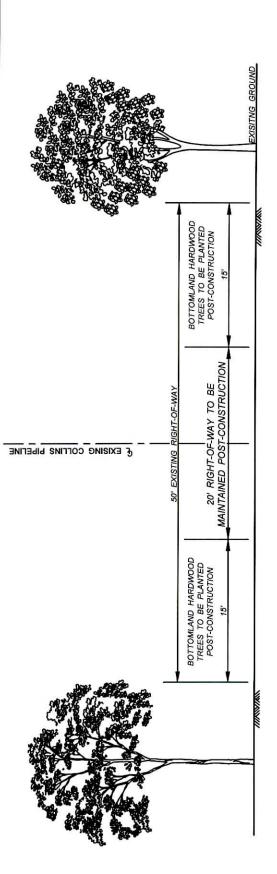
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## LOUISIANA PARISH. ST. TAMMANY



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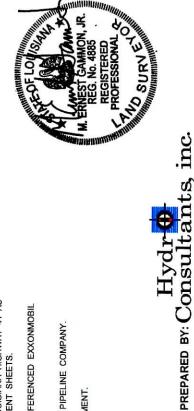
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### **EXHIBIT A**

LOUISIANA NATURAL AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION (FORM LSR3)

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### **COLLINS PIPELINE COMPANY**

Site Name: West Pearl River HDD

Site Location: St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana

Date: June 14, 2012 & April 11, 2013

### Photograph #1

### Direction:

Southwest

### Comments:

View of West Pearl River encroaching on Collins' ROW.



### Photograph #2

### Direction:

Southwest

### Comments:

View of West Pearl River encroaching on Collins' ROW.







BOBBY JINDAL GOVERNOR DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

ROBERT J. BARHAM SECRETARY

Dear Scenic River Permit Applicant:

Please review and concur on the following statement regarding the issuance of permits by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. This agreement must be signed and returned before a Scenic River Permit can be issued.

"I have been advised and do understand that by applying for and accepting a Scenic Rivers permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, I am being allowed to engage in an activity which would otherwise be prohibited by law or for which a permit is required. I understand that the permit is not a license and confers no property right upon me. I specifically agree to abide by all State and Federal fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and all State and Federal laws and regulations which relate to this permit or the permitted activity, and by all other terms and conditions of this permit. I understand that the permit for which I am applying may be suspended, annulled, withdrawn or revoked and that I may be assessed civil penalties, all in accordance with the provision of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, and that I may be denied future permits as a consequence of my failure to fully and completely comply with the terms and conditions of the permit, as well as other laws and regulations pertinent thereto. If served with or notified of a cease and desist order signed by the Scenic Rivers Administrator, I agree to immediately and without delay cease all activities and operations which relate to the permitted activity or which are impacting the Scenic River, until such time as the matter can be resolved in an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. I understand and agree that any permit issued to me by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is in the nature of a privilege which is being voluntarily extended to me by the Department and the failure on my part to cooperate with the Department can result in the loss of the privilege conferred and the denial of future requests for permits. By accepting this permit, I evidence my agreement to be bound by all conditions and stipulations set forth herein."

Authorized Signature

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